

Page 3, lines 13 and 14, delete the sub-heading "Description of at least one embodiment at least of the invention" and substitute DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE

A1 PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In the Claims (of the English Translation of the Application)

[Claim 5 - amend as follows:]

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sequence number is produced by a pseudo-random number generator.

[Claim 6 - amend as follows:]

A2 6. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the encryption of the sequence number by means of the main key is used as the one-time encryption.

[Claim 7 - amend as follows:]

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control center (10) produces a number of signing keys (14) in advance, and transmits them to the sender (30), possibly together with the associated sequence numbers (12).

[Claim 8 - amend as follows:]

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receiver (30) maintains a list of already used sequence numbers, and rejects already used sequence numbers.

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Claim 10 - amend as follows:

A3 10. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein a generator using a deterministic method produces one or more sequence numbers corresponding to the number of checks.